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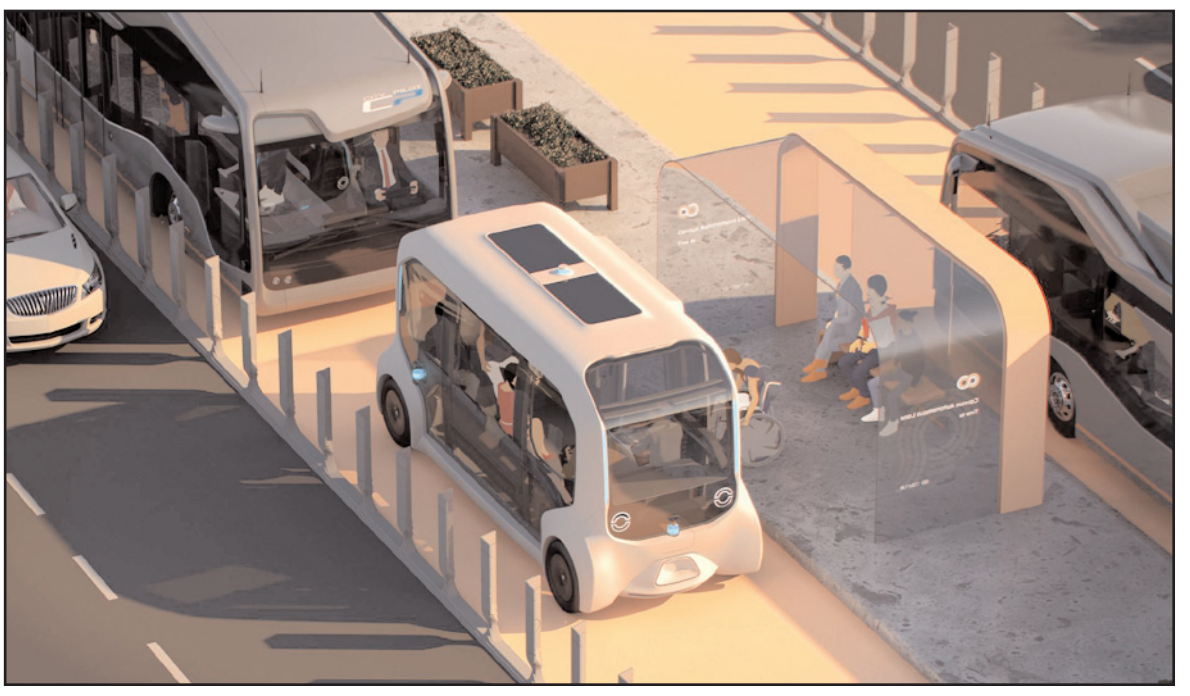
Futuristic driverless route set for Michigan Avenue

It will take several years to complete, but if all goes as planned, there will be driverless vehicles traveling in a dedicated lane down Michigan Avenue connecting Ann Arbor to downtown Detroit.

The proposed route will travel through Canton Township, the City of Wayne and Inkster, with proposed stops along the route at the University of Michigan Dearborn and Detroit Metro Airport in Romulus. Developers said that plans would allow passengers to summon connected or autonomous vehicles and know their pickup and arrival time on the route. Speakers said the project has the potential to make transit more accessible and equitable.

The plan was announced last week during a joint press conference with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer; Bill Ford, executive chairman of Ford Motor Co.; Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and Jonathan Winer, co-CEO of Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners, the lead developer of the project.

While driverless vehicles traveling current roadways are a futuristic concept, officials said, the cars can currently travel on digitally-mapped roads with connected infrastructure. Planning and mapping of that digitally connected route is expected to take two years before any construction on the dedicated roadway begins. The developer said the company plans to build a mile of pilot roadway at the American Center for Mobility in Ypsilanti sometime during the next year. The roadway, called the Michigan Connected Corridor, would be publicly accessible and could feature both public transit and shared mobility options. It will be called the "Michigan Connected Corridor," officials confirmed, sharpening a vision Ford shared when it acquired the historic train station two years ago.



A Cavnue concept rendering of the new Michigan Connected Corridor vehicles.

Passengers could summon the new driverless vehicles in the corridor.

Officials, including Whitmer and U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Dearborn, were enthusiastic about the project and said it was "the next chapter in Michigan's long history of leading innovation in the auto industry."

"Detroit's a brand, It means mobility. When Detroit does well, we all do well," Dingell said. "Just because we have (COVID-19), China is not stopping. India is not stopping. Western Europe is not stopping. And today we're telling you, we're not stopping."

Duggan, too, was enthusiastic about the Michigan Avenue route and said, "That road belongs on Michigan Avenue."

Duggan pointed to recent investments in Detroit in electric and autonomous vehicle development by Google self-driving affiliate Waymo LLC, by Ford, by Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV and by General Motors Co.

The project is being led by Cavnue, a subsidiary of Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners, an affiliate of Google parent Alphabet Inc. SIP "builds, owns, operates and invests in both advanced infra-

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Skydive to save lives

Rotary Club members take a 14,000-foot leap of faith to eradicate polio

They took a leap of faith last Saturday when several members of both the Plymouth Noon and Wayne Rotary clubs jumped out of a plane at 14,000 feet.

The courageous club members followed the lead of District 6400 Governor Noel Jackson who organized the flight to fight polio and urged club members to secure pledges from friends, family members and strangers to ensure they actually jumped from the aircraft. To date, the Skydive for Police effort has generated more than $123,036 to the Rotary effort to immunize children and eradicate polio world wide. That total includes a two to one grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, whose interest was piqued by the unusual fundraising effort. The eradication of polio is a shared goal of the Gates Foundation and Rotary clubs worldwide.

Mackenzie Rediske of the Wayne Rotary Club made the leap as did Chuck Bares and Jan Eisen, both of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club. The jumpers were cheered on by a crowd of well wishers, including families, friends and fellow club members.

The tandem jumps took some instruction before take off from the Dropzone location in Jackson.

Jackson, who initiated the skydives to generate funds and call attention to the effort, was on hand in his unmistakable Captain Rotary outfit which he wears for all the jumps in which he participates, which is most of them, he admits. He has personally raised $4,700 in pledges for the effort.

To date, the efforts of the skydiving Rotarians have funded 205,060 doses of polio vaccine and funded the inoculation of 41,000 children. Getting the vaccine and the vaccinator to the children is more expensive than simply the cost of the two drops of vaccine, Jackson explained.

The first time Jackson, a Trenton dentist, jumped out of a plane it was at the behest of his office staff who presented him with a gift certificate for the adventure. Jackson enjoyed the sensation so much that he agreed to do another jump, with Shiva Koushik, a Rotarian friend in nearby Windsor, Ont. As the pair were waiting for their second jump, their wives suggested enlisting other jumpers and raising pledges for polio eradication.

That first effort in 2014, generated $15,000 in pledges and another $30,000 from the Gates foundation. Since then, the effort has been flying high.

Since 1985, when Rotary

Jan Eisen, left, Rotary District Governor Noel Jackson and Chuck Bares enthusiastically prepare for their14,000-foot skydive to earn funds to fight polio. Photo by Dave Willett

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Rotary

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committed to polio eradication, the organization has contributed more than $1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize children against the disease. In that time, the number of polio cases has dropped 99.9 percent, and only three countries remain where the virus has never been stopped: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. While World Polio Day, Oct. 24, serves as an important opportunity to remind the world of the need to finish the job, raising money and awareness is a year-round effort for many.

On July 10, 10 members from Toronto Skyline and surrounding Rotary clubs plunged earthward in their own tandem skydive, raising several thousand dollars for polio eradication.

Jackson said he had a sure-fire way to recruit Bares, Eisen and Rediske.

"I would go up to people and tell them we were skydiving for polio and give them two options," says Jackson. "I would tell them I was paying $180 out of my own pocket to jump, so if you are not going to jump, you have to pay $180. Most people would say, 'OK, you got it.' "

The budget to see zero cases of polio for three years, the requirement to have the world certified as polio free, is $1.5 billion. Rotary had pledged $50 million a year for the next three years and The Gates Foundation has pledged to match the Rotary donations up to $50 million a year for the next three years, or 33 percent of the total budget, National governments and public health organizations from around the world have pledged the balance of the costs.

Gayle and Howard Rediske.l eft, were on hand to support daughter Mackenzie in her skydive for polio funding along with Wayne Rotary Club members Linda Gable, Pat Rice and Charlotte Tarwacki. Photo by Dave Willett

Wayne State University Rotary Rotaract members including Mukhi Devanker from Canton Township were on hand to cheer the skydiving Rotary Club members on. Photo by Dave Willett

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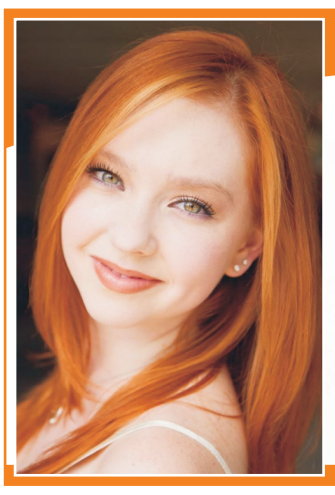
structure projects and technology companies with innovations that enable and apply to those projects," according to its website. Cavnue, which was selected by the state following a competitive bidding process, would provide up-front financing and would then seek to recoup that investment under a revenue-sharing structure. Other partners in the development include Ford Motor Co., The Michigan Department of Transportation, the American Center for Mobility and the University of Michigan. Along with Ford, General Motors Co., Argo AI, Arrival, BMW AG, Honda Motor Co., Toyota Motor Corp., TuSimple and Waymo LLC representatives will comprise an advisory committee to help develop standards that don't favor one automaker over another.

Ford is in the middle of a $750 million renovation of the Michigan Central Depot and surrounding buildings in the Corktown neighborhood and this project was part of the initial discussions and negotiations regarding that project.



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Butterfly Gardens taking root in Plymouth area parks

The City of Plymouth has some new residents and neighbors have welcomed them to the community.

Butterfly gardens have been installed in Kellogg Park, Lion's Club Park and the Knights of Columbus Park in the city. The plants and flowers blooming add color to the park and create a habitat for butterflies, bees, hummingbirds and other pollinators. Each of the gardens includes host plants and pollinator perennials including Coneflowers, Black Eyed Susans, Daisies, Bee Balm, Phlox, Swamp Week, butterfly Weed, Wildflowers, Dill and Fennel, officials said. The garden projects were led by Department of Municipal Services Operations Technician Dave Cirilli.

"The parks are such a great asset to the city," he said. "We wanted to make them even better by helping the environment and beautifying the city."

The Kellogg Park garden was completed in summer 2019 and is a certified Monarch Waystation. The Lion's Club Park garden was finished early this summer and includes a wide variety of host plants and perennials. The Knights of Columbus Park garden was finished in last month and includes hydrangeas and other pollinator-friendly plants. Anyone interested in learning more about the butterfly gardens or helping to establish additional gardens, can contact the municipal services office at dms@plymouthmi.gov or join the Plymouth Pollinators group on Facebook.

Other information on butterfly gardens can be found at www.monarchwatch.org.

29-year veteran of Canton Township Police Department retires

Lieutenant James Harrison has retired from the Canton Township Police Department after a 29-year career with the law enforcement agency.

Harrison, or "Turtle" as he's affectionately known around the department, was hired as a police officer in 1991; he was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2008 and to lieutenant in 2017.

Early in his career, Harrison participated in numerous special units including assignments as a range/firearms instructor, bicycle unit officer, and a field training officer. Most notably, he served 13 years on the elite Western-Wayne Special Operations Team as an assistant team leader. As a sergeant, Harrison was selected for an administrative position overseeing special units and projects, including the creation of the popular Citizen's Police Academy program. In his current position as lieutenant, Harrison serves as a platoon commander in the patrol division, overseeing the day-to-day operations of his assigned shift consisting of sergeants, officers and PSSOs. He has been responsible for providing training, direction and motivation to his shift, enhancing their level of performance while on patrol.

> *Lt. Harrison has made significant contributions to the organization and to the Canton community alike, and I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.*

Throughout his career, Harrison has received numerous awards and citations, as well as written compliments from citizens who were recipients of the kindness and professionalism he displayed during every shift, according to a statement from the department. In addition to those recognitions, his knowledge in the field, calm demeanor, and sense of humor have made him one of Canton's most respected officers among his peers and coworkers alike, noted Police Chief Chad Baugh.

"The police department is losing a valuable member of the organization this week," said Baugh. "Lt. Harrison has made significant contributions to the organization and to the Canton community alike, and I wish him continued success in his future endeavors."

Lt. James Harrison

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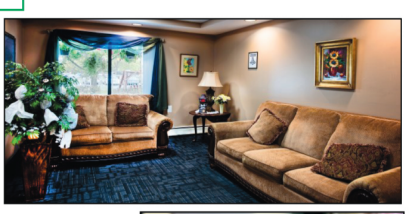

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Ethics, racism commissioners to be named

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Westland officials are seeking a group of residents to serve on two separate commissions charged with ensuring integrity and non-discrimination in city government.

Mayor William R. Wild is currently accepting applications to reestablish an ethics commission in the city. Members of the ethics commission would evaluate and submit written opinions about any ethical concerns or complaints filed by residents or city employees. That written opinion would be forwarded to the mayor and the departments involved in the complaint for a response or action.

Applications for the committee can be submitted online by accessing the city website, but candidates will be held to some high standards according to Wild, Council President Jim Hart and Councilman Jim Godbout. All have expressed concerns about applicants seeking an appointment for political reasons and a concern that there is a danger of "weaponizing" such a commission.

Wild said that the five commission member appointments are something he is committed to completing, but only with "the right candidates."

While the entire council agreed that the ethics commission would be of value, Hart expressed his concern about the misuse of such authority.

"I have a concern that next thing I know there's political agendas. This ethics commission is there to go through legitimate ethics concerns," Hart said.

Councilwoman Tasha Green was a strong advocate of the new commission and said she felt it could be a key piece in "holding elected officials accountable in our positions."

The initial appointments to the ethics commission in the city would include two three-year members, two two-year members and one member who would serve for only one year. Following the first year, all appointments would be for three-years. Members cannot be city officials or city employees.

In another step to ensure the impartiality and non-discriminatory actions of the city, Westland officials unanimously approved a resolution defining racism as a health crisis in the city.

The action, urged by residents and local activists, also urges city council members and the city administration to adopt policies that improve the health of communities of color and build city relationship with diversity focused groups.

Wild has been directed to establish a commission to conduct as assessment of internal policies and procedures in the city to ensure racial equity as a core element.

The vote followed a version of the resolution that was presented to council members two weeks earlier. When no action was taken, several residents were critical of the failure of the council members to act on the issue, particularly in light of the current political climate. The resolution approved was proposed by Councilwoman Tasha Green although minutes of the meeting indicate the resolution was proposed by Council President James Hart.

Hart said he was listed as bringing the motion only to indicate an item was coming from council.

"I have been fighting for equality, not only racial equality but gender equality, since I was elected three years ago," Green said. "As you can see based on some of the things that happened tonight, we have not quite arrived yet."

Mayor William R. Wild

Suspect in Sumpter shooting deaths surrenders

The Sumpter Township man sought in connection with the shooting and killing of four people in a Martinsville Road last week surrendered to police Sunday evening.

According to Sumpter Township Police Chief Eric Luke, Raymond Lee Bailey, 37, the subject of a state-wide manhunt, entered the Bay County Sheriff's office and turned himself over to authorities at about 10 p.m. Aug. 16. Luke said that officers from Sumpter Township were already en route to the Bay City area as part of the investigation and took Bailey into custody and transported him to Sumpter Township where he is incarcerated awaiting a charge determination from the office of the Wayne County prosecutor's office.

Police across the state had been searching for Bailey, suspected in the shooting deaths of two men and two women last Saturday. According to police reports, Sumpter Township police officers responded to a report of gunshots at a residence in the 24000 block of Martinsville Road at about 11:35 p.m. Aug. 15. When Sumpter officers arrived on the scene, they discovered four people, each in their mid-30s, dead of apparent gunshot wounds. A crime scene response team from the Michigan State Police Forensic Division was requested by township investigators and arrived on the scene to assist in the processing of evidence, according to police reports.

Raymond Lee Bailey

A preliminary investigation identified Bailey, identified as the former boyfriend of one of the victims, as a suspect in the shootings.

He had reportedly confessed to the shooting deaths to several people by telephone and text messages, according to official reports.

Detectives also learned that Bailey might be traveling to Northern Michigan. His vehicle, police said, was found abandoned near Bay City.

In memoriam

Members of the Inkster Police Department joined for the annual memorial service to honor the four department officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the citizens of Inkster; Ofc. Kenneth Woodmore, Sgt. Ira Parker, Ofc. Clay Hoover and Ofc. Daniel Dubiel. Ofc. Kenneth Woodmore was shot and killed after stopping a man on a bicycle who had just completed a drug transaction at the intersection of Pine and Henry Streets. Ofc. Woodmore had served with the Inkster Police Department for five years. He is survived by his two sons and two daughters. Sgt. Ira Parker, Ofc. Clay Hoover, and Ofc. Daniel Dubiel were shot and killed while attempting to serve a warrant for a bad check from a rental car agency on a 68-year-old woman and her three sons at a local motel. Officers Dubiel and Hoover entered the room first and after several minutes of conversation with the four suspects Officer Dubiel called for a supervisor. Sgt. Parker responded to the scene, minutes after walking into the room a volley of gunfire was heard. Before their arrest the suspects held officers at bay during a ten hour standoff as hundreds of rounds were fired from their room. Sgt. Parker had served with the Inkster Police Department for 20 years. He is survived by his wife and four children. Ofc. Dubiel had served with the Inkster Police Department for 13 years. He is survived by his wife and four children. Ofc. Hoover had served with the Inkster Police Department for 6 months. He was survived by his mother, father, two brothers, and a sister.

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NORTHVILLE - ROMULUS

First class

Northville Firefighter Training Academy celebrates the graduation of 18 students

There are 18 new qualified firefighters available for work in the area.

The group graduated from the Northville City Fire Department Firefighter Training Academy in July and each became qualified to now seek Firefighter 1 and II certification through the State of Michigan. The students enrolled in the academy last November but classes stretched four months past the anticipated graduation date due to the requirements of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The instructors had to work diligently with the State to figure out how to continue when the pandemic broke out. They could do classroom sessions by remote conferencing but it had to be live and interactive," said Fire Chief Steve Ott.

"I'd like to give a shout-out to all the instructors for assisting with the coursework and field training, and to the students for their hard work and dedication," he added.

The students took the class written exam but had to wait before they could complete practical training, which took approximately four weeks.

Northville Police Ofc. Melissa Vernon was among the graduates. Eight of the graduates said they will apply to join the Northville Community Fire Department as on-call firefighters. The Northville department serves the cities of Northville and Plymouth and utilizes a total of 60 on-call firefighters, according to officials.

Course Manager Lt. Tim Catalano led the instructors, which included Lt. John Lapenta, who is the department training officer. Firefighters in the department assisted the instructors with the classroom portion, which fulfilled their requirement for student teaching. Others helped out with practical training, resulting in a 5:1 student/teacher ratio. As a result, the academy also increased the number of firefighters currently on-call at the Northville Community Fire Department who became certified fire instructors.

Firefighters in the academy practice putting out a car fire during field training. Photo by Matt Zmuda.

Romulus Chamber of Commerce sets annual golf outing

The annual Romulus Chamber of Commerce Golf outing will take place Aug. 27 at Links at Gateway Golf Course.

Registrations are now being accepted for the popular event which is a fundraiser for the chamber. Fees for the event are $110 for each golfer or $440 for a foursome.

Organizers are also looking for sponsors for the event willing to donate items for the golfer goodie bags presented at the event. Those interested in having merchandise placed in the bags can email the chamber office at admin@romuluschamber.org to make arrangements to have the donation picked up.

Event sponsorships are also available at $125 for a hole sponsorship to $2,500 for a banquet sponsorship. Businesses or individuals can sponsor a prize, a cart sign, the Continental Breakfast, lunch or the score board at various price points.

The event will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. while a Continental Breakfast is served on the practice range. There will be a shotgun star at 9:30 a.m. sharp, organizers said.

The registration fee includes the breakfast and lunch at the turn.

Safe practices and social distancing will be employed in accordance with current and changed executive orders, organizers stressed.

The Links at Gateway is located at 33290 Gateway Dr. in Romulus.

To register, or for more information, email admin@aromuluschamber.org or call (734) 893-0694.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING
September 16, 2020 - 7:00 PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville MI **OR** by electronic remote access per the most current Governor's Executive Order. For information on how to view and participate in the meeting, **please visit the township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us/.** The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance Article 22.5 C, Nonconforming Uses, Buildings & Structures, to expand a non-conforming side yard setback for a residence at 20204 Rippling Lane.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
September 10, 2020

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco, John Badeen.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Minutes:
August 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approval of Agenda

General Calendar:

1. Applicant Dennis Hermatz, for property located at 39915 Michigan Ave, on the south side of Michigan Ave between Hannan Road and I-275, Zoning C-3. Appealing Section 26.03. The variance is 20' from the required 85' front setback requirement to allow a 2nd floor addition.
   Parcel ID 71-141-99-0033-000 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org CN2095 - 082020 2.5 x 4.506

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 3, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams Absent / Excused: John Barden

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda
A. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Agenda
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes
A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 27, 2020
Res. # 20-185 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 27, 2020
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
B. Approval of Minutes from the Public Hearing held on July 27, 2020
Res. # 20-186 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Minutes from the Public Hearing held on July 27, 2020
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
Chairwoman Pro-Tem Talley announced that on July 29, 2020, Governor Whitmer passed an executive order limiting public indoor gatherings to ten people. Since there are eight elected officials in the Council Chambers this evening, two persons from the public may enter at a time. Also, face coverings are not required when persons speak at the meeting - including Council members as long as they abide by the social distancing of six feet. Ms. Talley announced that Romulus has surpassed the 70 percent mark for census replies.
A. Approval of the Chairperson's Report
Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Eva Webb to approve the Chairperson's Report
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Director of Community Development and Marketing, Jazmine Danci, via zoom, spoke about the city's first community drive-in movie in the park and she thanked the schools for allowing the use of the field behind the senior center. Ms. Danci also introduced, via zoom, Romulus residents Steve and Wendy Harmon, who will be leasing the building at 35255 Goddard Road. Half of the building will be used as a custom motorcycle bodywork repair shop and the other half a specialized salon for beauty and wellness along with a community coffee shop.
A. Request to Sign Lease with Big Steve's Designz, LLC
Res. # 20-187 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Request to Sign Lease with Big Steve's Designz, LLC
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
A. Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-1
Res. #20-188 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-1
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
B. Second Reading and Final adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-2
Res. # 20-189 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-2
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
C. Study Session request from Stacy Paige, City Treasurer for Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
Res. # 20-190 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Study Session request from Stacy Paige, City Treasurer for Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

City Clerk gave a reminder that the polls open on Election Day at 7 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. All seven polling locations and 12 precincts are open for the Primary Election on Aug. 4, 2020. Due to the road construction in various locations, the clerk advised of alternate routes to the polls. She also informed that 58 percent of the absentee ballots that were mailed out have been returned to the Clerk's Office.

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment
A resident commented about judges who owe back taxes whether they should be allowed to run for the office of judge. A resident spoke about the construction on Wick Road and a drug deal she witnessed.
A resident, via zoom, asked if there will be additional ballot drop boxes installed around the city before the November Election.

9. Unfinished Business
Treasurer Stacy Paige sent a message to thank Council for scheduling her requested study session and that she has nothing else under her report.
Councilwoman Webb spoke about the possibility of re-scheduling the November 2nd Council meeting due to the November 3rd Election.

10. New Business
Councilman Wadsworth inquired about the construction on Vining Road.
Mayor Burcroff stated that maintenance construction is being done in order to keep the area desirable for development and that TIFA grant funds are covering the expense.

11. Communication

12. Adjournment
Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adjourn the Council meeting at 9:14 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 3, 2020. RM0523 - 082020 2.5 x 13.345

Belleville - Wayne

Son is charged in stabbing death of father

A 25-year-old Westland man is facing first-degree murder charges in the death of his father.

Prosecutors claim that Flem Stiltner IV killed his father, 48-year-old Flem Stiltner III of Wayne, and then attempted to hide the victim's body near Belleville Lake.

According to police reports, Michigan State Police were notified at about 10:12 a.m. Aug. 2 by Van Buren Township Police that a body had been found in the bed of a pickup truck.

According to police, the Wayne man was killed at a home on the 4400 block of John Hix Road in Wayne and his body then placed in the bed of a pick-up truck and driven to the area of Belleville Road and Quirk Road by the suspect. Troopers were called to the scene when the body was discovered by a passerby who noticed the truck stuck in the mud early Sunday morning. The victim was subsequently identified by investigators and the scene of the crime secured.

> *Police indicated that an initial investigation appeared to indicate that the suspect was attempting to dispose of the victim's body by dumping the truck into Belleville Lake.*

Michigan State Police took the younger Stiltner into custody later Sunday following evidence gathered at the Wayne home. Police indicated that an initial investigation appeared to indicate that the suspect was attempting to dispose of the victim's body by dumping the truck into Belleville Lake but abandoned the vehicle, with the body, when the truck got stuck in the mud.

Stiltner was arraigned in 29th District Court in Wayne on charges of first-degree murder, first-degree home invasion and tampering with evidence. He was scheduled for a probable cause conference Aug. 25 and a preliminary investigation Sept. 1 in 29th District Court.

Investigators are still seeking information about the incident. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Michigan State Police Metro South Post at (734) 287-5000.

Cold-case murder investigation to be reopened

A new investigation is under way into the death of Egypt Covington, a 27-year-old singer who was found shot and killed inside her Van Buren Township home in June of 2017.

On the third anniversary of her death, Ms. Covington's family organized a rally urging Michigan State Police to get involved in the investigation. Their efforts were apparently successful as the state agency has now confirmed that investigators will be assisting Van Buren Township police in reopening the probe into Ms. Covington's death.

Dwayne Turner, Ms. Covington's brother, is not satisfied with the assistance of the state investigators, however, and wants the state to assume the entire investigation. He alleges that Van Buren Township Police have been unsuccessful in finding his sister's killer in the three years that department has led the investigation and wants state troopers to now have full control and access to all the files, tips and leads.

"They've had their chance. It's the state's chance now. They have all the resources needed, strategies and tactics," Turner said. "When we first met with Michigan State Police we had asked them if they knew these names. They did not. Van Buren was very familiar with these names so we are just really curious why."

The family now has the backing of a new Crime Stoppers campaign with a $2,500 reward with hopes of reaching farther and generating new leads to give investigators and the family a clearer picture of the case they are building together.

Anyone with any information on the death of Egypt Covington is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP.

Egypt Covington

Main Street sets annual city-wide clean-up in Wayne

Wayne Main Street, in conjunction with several community partners, will host the annual Clean-Up Day in downtown Wayne from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Aug. 29. Community members of all ages are expected to participate in the effort to clean the downtown area of the city. Registration for the event will open at 9 a.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum located at 1 Towne Square in Wayne.

Last year, the event was an overwhelming success, with more than 150 volunteers participating, noted a spokesman.

"This year, we will have a limit of 100 volunteers, including our staff. We will put social distancing practices in place and encourage participants to wear masks and bring gloves. Volunteers can sign up to participate by visiting downtownwayne.org and clicking on the Volunteer Here! link," he added. Snacks and water will be provided at registration for volunteers.

This event will take place just before Labor Day weekend and help promote a cleaner downtown Wayne, organizers said.

"With everything going on, we need something that brings us all together safely. Cleaning up downtown Wayne allows us to practice social distancing in small groups, while we work together to create a cleaner, better downtown," commented Sam Rainey, a member of the Wayne Main Street clean-up day committee.

Wayne Main Street was launched in 2011 by a group of caring individuals and has evolved into one of the largest civic organizations in the city. Last year, volunteers contributed more than 2,700 service hours to the community. In 2014, the organization was recognized by the Michigan Main Street Association as a Select-Level Main Street community. For more information, visit downtownwayne.org.

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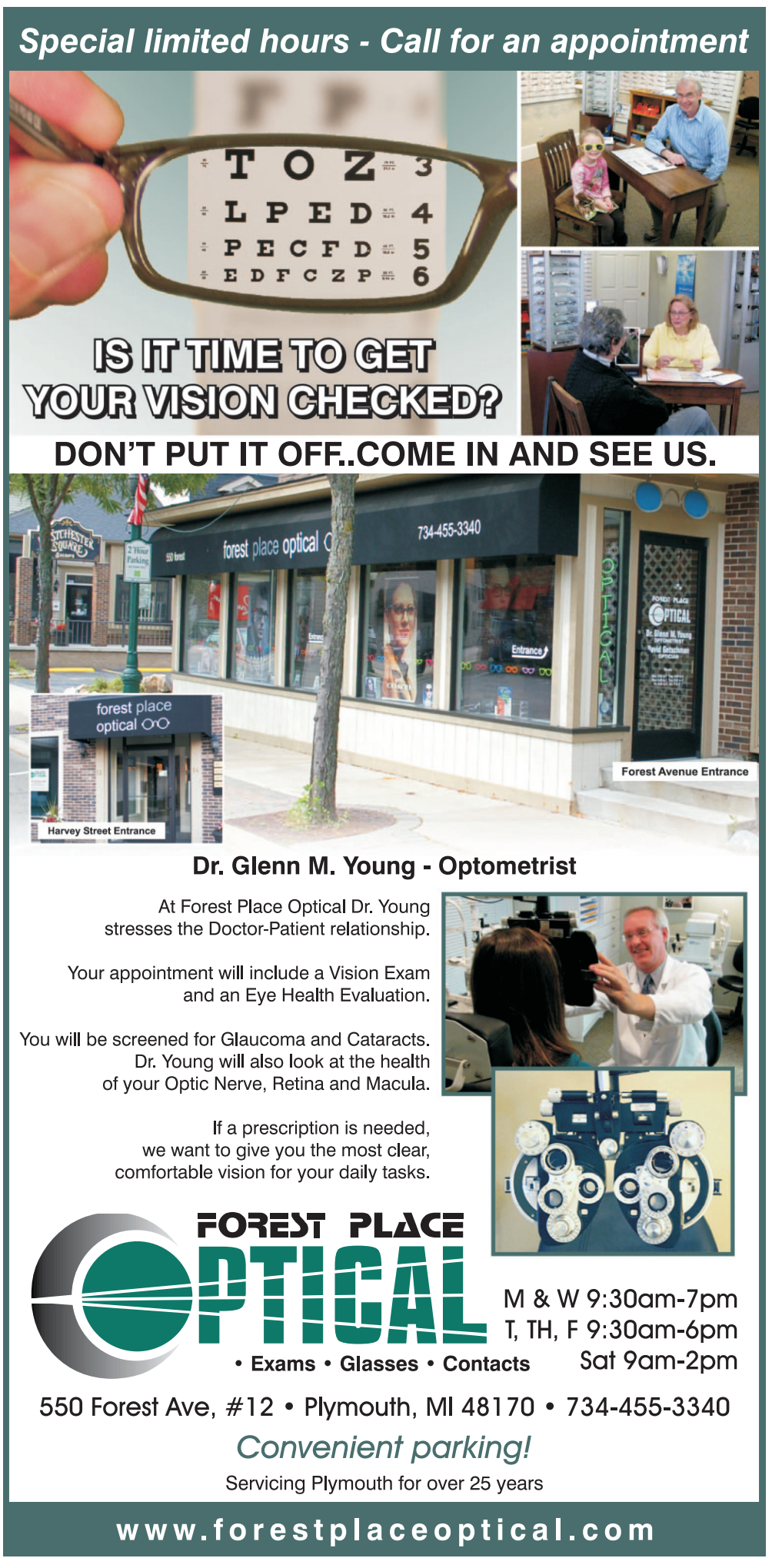
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